

Indiana's Highly Qualified Teacher Requirements
Preschool Teachers
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Preschool teachers, including special education preschool teachers, do not have to meet the highly qualified teacher requirements. Preschool teachers do not have to meet the requirements unless a state includes early childhood or pre-kindergarten as part of its elementary and secondary school system. In the State of Indiana, the definition of “elementary school” includes grades beginning with kindergarten and does not include preschool. *See, for example*, IC § 20-10.1-1-15 (now IC § 20-18-2-4).